

Regular Session, 2003

ACT No. 433

HOUSE BILL NO. 1672

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROOME, WELCH, LUCAS, AND MURRAY
AND SENATOR FIELDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 1:58.2, relative to special days; to recognize and designate the third Saturday in June as "Juneteenth Day"; to provide that this date shall be observed by the state; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 1:58.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§58.2. Juneteenth Day

A. Juneteenth Day has long been recognized as a special day of celebration for the freedom of African Americans. As such, since 1865 the day has been celebrated as the day African Americans received the news of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The celebration of this day has grown into a special day celebrating this freedom as well as a day of learning, sharing, and giving respect to the history, culture, and achievements of African Americans.

B. The third Saturday in June is recognized and designated as Juneteenth Day throughout the state of Louisiana, in honor of the day African Americans celebrate as Emancipation Day.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____